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SUBJECT: US-USSR HOUSING AGREEMENT: WORKING GROUP 10.03

1. HUD WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S RAISING FOLLOWING TWO ITEMS WITH TEREENTIEV OF GOSSTROY SOONEST. PLEASE REPORT SOVIET RESPONSE.

2. ON MAY 2, 1978, DR. ROBERT ETHINGTON, U.S. LEADER OF PROJECT 1.7, WOOD BUILDING PRODUCTS AND COMPONENTS, WROTE TO MR. OTSTAVNOV, IDENTIFYING SPECIALISTS, ORGANIZATIONS, INDUSTRIES, AND PUBLICATIONS WHICH HE BELIEVED MIGHT HAVE BEEN OF INTEREST TO YOUR SPECIALISTS WORKING ON THIS PROJECT. HE ALSO PROPOSED THAT A GROUP OF U.S. SPECIALISTS VISIT THE SOVIET UNION FOR TWO WEEKS BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 10. ACCORDING TO THE WORK PROGRAM AGREED TO AT OUR SECOND WORKING GROUP MEETING, AN EXCHANGE OF THIS MATERIAL WAS TO HAVE BEEN COMPLETED BY JUNE 30. UNFORTUNATELY, WE HAVE NOT YET RECEIVED ANY SIMILAR INFORMATION FROM THE SOVIET SIDE, AND DR. ETHINGTON'S LETTER HAS NOT BEEN ANSWERED.
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3. ON APRIL 24, 1978, DR. ROBERT S. LEVINE, U.S. LEADER OF PROJECT 1.6, FIRE RESISTANCE OF BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES, WROTE TO MR. GOVOROVSKIY, DESCRIBING PROGRESS IN MEETING

THE OBLIGATIONS WHICH THE U.S. SIDE HAD ASSUMED UNDER THE AGREED WORK PROGRAM. HE FORWARDED THE PROPOSED FORMAT

FOR THE FORTHCOMING SURVEYS OF FIRE RESISTANCE CODES AND IDENTIFIED THE INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE ASSUMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE VARIOUS ITEMS OF COOPERATIVE WORK AGREED TO. THE ONLY OTHER ITEM OF COOPERATIVE WORK WHICH SHOULD HAVE BEEN COMPLETED BY THIS TIME IS THE EXCHANGE OF LISTS OF DOCUMENTS, AND WE PLAN TO HAVE THE U.S. LIST IN YOUR HANDS BEFORE OUR WORKING GROUP MEETS. AS WITH THE MATERIAL ON WOOD PRODUCTS, HOWEVER, WE HAVE NOT YET RECEIVED ANY MATERIAL FROM YOU AND DR. LEVIN'S LETTER HAS NOT BEEN ANSWERED.

4. HUD RECORDS INDICATE LETTERS REFFERED TO ABOVE WERE BOTH FORWARDED TO STATE ON MAY 15 FOR AIR POUCH TO YOU. IF EITHER OF THEM WAS NOT DELIVERED TO GOSSTROY, PLEASE ADVISE IMMEDIATELY SO THAT DUPLICATES CAN BE PROVIDED. CHRISTOPHER

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